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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add or amend the claims to read as follows, and cancel without prejudice or disclaimer to resubmission in a divisional or continuation application claims indicated as cancelled:

Claims 1-24 (CANCELED)

(Currently Amended) A method of providing access to a specific message Claim 25. stored on a server, comprising:

> generating a unique message pointer associated with said specific message stored on said server; and

sending said message pointer to an address of at least one given subscriber's address, said subscriber being part of a group of subscribers

wherein said at least one given subscriber may use said message pointer in combination with a subscriber's address identifier associated with said at least one given subscriber to enable access to said message without having to input any additional data,

wherein said unique message pointer is further associated with a specific subscriber from said at least one given group of subscribers,

wherein said generating further comprises, for each of said at least one given subscriber[[s]], generating a unique message pointer, and

wherein said unique message pointer is associable with two or more subscribers.

Claim 26. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 25, wherein each of said at least one given subscriber[[s]] is associated with a predefined number of unique message pointers.

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(Currently Amended) A method according to claim 26, wherein for each of Claim 27.

said at least one given subscriber[[s]], after said predetermined number of unique message

pointers is selected, at least one of said unique message pointers is made available to be

reused for providing direct access to a second message stored on said server and associated

with said at least one given subscriber.

(Previously Presented) A method according to claim 27, wherein after said Claim 28.

predetermined number of unique message pointers is selected, said at least one unique

message pointer is disassociated from said specific message.

(Previously Presented) A method according to claim 28, wherein said message Claim 29.

pointer comprises a telephone number.

(Previously Presented) A method according to claim 29, wherein said Claim 30.

telephone number is selected from a bank of telephone numbers, and wherein each of said

telephone numbers is associated with a distinct telephone line.

(Previously Presented) A method according to claim 30, further comprising Claim 31.

initiating a communication session using said telephone number over a specific telephone line

specifically associated with said message.

(Previously Presented) A method according to claim 31, wherein said Claim 32.

subscriber's address identifier comprises a subscriber's telephone number.

(Previously Presented) A method according to claim 32, further comprising Claim 33.

identifying said subscriber's telephone number upon the initiation of said communication

session.

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(Previously Presented) A method according to claim 33, further comprising Claim 34.

providing access to said specific message stored on said server upon the identification of said

subscriber's telephone number.

(Previously Presented) A method according to claim 31, wherein said Claim 35.

subscriber's address identifier is an identifier selected from a group consisting of a URL, an

e-mail, an instant message, an SMS, an EMS, an MMS and a telephone number specifically

associated with said message, and wherein access to said specific message stored on said

server is provided upon the identification of said identifier.

Claim 36. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 34, further comprising

allowing said subscriber to replay said specific message stored on said server.

Claim 37. (CANCELED)

Claim 38. (Previously Presented) A method of providing access to a specific message stored

on a server, comprising:

linking a message stored on said server with a first specific

network address associated with said specific message and further

associated with a given subscriber;

sending said specific network address to said given

subscriber's address; and

using said first specific network address to initiate a

communication session with said communication device at said first

specific network address;

wherein upon the identification of said given subscriber's address access to said

stored message is provided without having to input any additional data, and

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wherein said linking further comprises linking said message stored on said server with a second specific network address associated with said specific message and further associated with a second given subscriber.

(Previously Presented) A method according to claim 38, wherein said first and Claim 39. said second network addresses are identical.

(Previously Presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein said first and Claim 40. said second network addresses are distinct.

(Currently Amended) A method according to claim [[37]] 38, wherein said Claim 41. first specific network address is a telephone number specifically associated with said message

(Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein said given Claim 42. subscriber's address is a specific subscriber's telephone number.

(Previously Presented) The method of claim 42, further comprising initiating a communication session using said telephone number over a specific telephone line specifically associated with said message.

(Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, wherein said direct access to Claim 44. said stored message is provided for incoming communication sessions over said specific telephone line.

(Previously Presented) The method of claim 44, wherein said direct access to Claim 45. said stored message is provided only upon the identification of said given subscriber's telephone number.

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Claim 46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[37]] 38, wherein said specific network address is an identifier selected from a group consisting of a URL, an e-mail, an instant message, an SMS, an EMS, an MMS and a telephone number specifically associated with said message.